

THIRTIETH ANNUAL FLORIDA VA SCHOOL CONFERENCE

**Monday June 19, 2006 through
Wednesday June 21, 2006**

**TRADEWINDS ISLAND GRAND RESORT
5500 GULF BLVD.
ST. PETE BEACH, FL**

**For reservations call toll free no later than
May 19, 2006:**

1-800-808-9833

RATES

Standard Hotel Rooms: \$109/night

Deluxe Hotel Rooms: \$124/night

One BR Suites: \$149/night

**Single or double occupancy
(+ tax @ 11%)**

**(These rates will be available for two nights *preceding* and
following the conference on a space available basis)**

Registration Fee: \$100

**(good for all three days) *This fee is non-refundable after
May 20, 2006.***

DRESS: Business Casual

**Please complete the pre-registration form attached to this
bulletin so that we can print your individual name tag and
better prepare classes for the conference. Registration fees
may be paid in advance or at the door. Completion of the pre-
registration form does NOT obligate you to attend.**

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JUNE 19 - 21, 2006
ADVANCE REGISTRATION**

Whether you wish to complete the registration process at this time or just make a non-binding indication that you might attend the Conference, please complete this form and return it to us in the business reply envelope provided.

Name	Title
School or Organization	
Address	
City - State - Zip	Telephone number

☐ I/we plan to attend the Thirtieth Annual Florida VA School Conference. Enclosed is our registration fee at \$100.00 per person (Checks or money orders only, payable to **"VA School Conference."** **NO CASH** please). *Registration fees are non-refundable after May 20, 2006.* Please prepare our name tags as shown below:

☐ I/we may wish to attend, but are unable to confirm our participation at this time. If we are later able to finalize our plans to attend the Conference, we understand that we may complete another advanced registration form or register at the start of the Conference.

Name (please print)	Name (please print)
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Please also complete the questionnaire on the reverse.

Guest Speakers: We usually have at least one speaker each from our Central Office in Washington, DC, and from the Atlanta office. Please indicate on the reverse what topics you would like to see our guest speakers cover:

VA Central Office speaker topics- _____

Atlanta RPO speaker topics - _____

Please list any suggestions you have for other guest speakers - _____

What other topics would you like to see discussed at the ABC School and/or Main Session?

We are planning on having luncheons for all conference attendees on Monday and Tuesday June 19 & 20 at noon on the Tradewinds property (adjacent to our training classrooms). Please let us know if this is something you might be interested in and what kind of lunch you would like to have (no additional charge for lunch - cost would be included in the \$100 registration fee)

My school is (check all that apply):

- ☐ An Institution of Higher Learning (College, University, etc.)
- ☐ A Non-College Degree school (Vocational, Technical, Business, Adult, etc.)
- ☐ A vocational Flight school (Pilot ratings and licenses)
- ☐ Other (specify): _____

**RETURN COMPLETED
FORM TO:**

**VA REGIONAL OFFICE
ATTN: EDU SVCS (272A)
PO BOX 1437
ST. PETERSBURG, FL
33731**

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VA SCHOOL CONFERENCE AGENDA
BASIC TRAINING
MONDAY JUNE 19, 2006

<u>Time</u>	<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Class Topic</u>	<u>Speakers/Instructors</u>
8:00 a.m.		REGISTRATION (REFRESHMENTS) Sign-in, register for conference, register for Baffle Raffle, receive name tag and conference booklet.	
9:00 a.m.		WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Ron Scoggins, Senior Education Liaison Representative (ELR)	
9:15 a.m.		WHAT IS A VETERAN? Ron Scoggins, ELR Overview of selected VA terminology and the various GI Bill programs	
10:00 a.m.		COFFEE BREAK	
10:15 a.m.		BAFFLE RAFFLE	
10:30 a.m.		INTRO TO VA-ONCE, COLLEGES & TECH SCHOOLS Basic information needed to get started in VA-ONCE, our electronic enrollment system. Instructors – TBA	
		ADVANCED VA-ONCE VA-ONCE procedures for experienced school certifying officials.	
		INTRO TO FORMS COMPLETION – FLIGHT SCHOOLS Instructor – Ron Scoggins, ELR	
12:00 p.m.		SPECIAL SCHOOL OFFICIALS' LUNCHEON	
1:15 p.m.		WHAT TO DO WHEN A VETERAN COMES IN YOUR DOOR Chuck Peterman & Rick Robertson, ECSS's What questions to ask, forms to use, files to set up, paperwork to send, etc.	
1:45 p.m.		COMPLIANCE SURVEYS & SAA SUPERVISORY VISITS Ron Scoggins, ELR Steve Turbee, Chief, Bureau of State Approving for Veterans Training (SAA) Overview of the functions and interactions between VA and SAA,, compliance surveys & supervisory visits, and how they relate to Florida schools.	
2:30 p.m.		ICE CREAM BREAK	
2:45 p.m.		BAFFLE RAFFLE	
3:00 p.m.		VR&E Procedures Chapter 31 approval and enrollment procedures Instructors TBA	
4:15 p.m.		QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Answering questions on general topics from attendees All instructors	
4:30 p.m.		ADJOURN	
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.		RECEPTION	

Get to know your peers, SAA, and VA folks over complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar at our after hours social.

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MAIN SESSION TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2006

<u>Time</u>	<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Class Topic</u>	<u>Speakers/Instructors</u>
8:00 a.m.		REGISTRATION (REFRESHMENTS) Sign-in, register for conference, register for Baffle Raffle, receive name tag and conference booklet. Those who registered on Monday do not have to register again today.	
8:45 a.m.		WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESS Larry Burks, Director, Atlanta Regional Processing Office, Decatur, GA Ron Scoggins, ELR	
9:15 a.m.		VA CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATE An update on the latest changes to the GI Bill programs, VA organization, and pending legislation. Jack McCoy, Director Education Service, VA Central Office, Washington, DC	
10:15 a.m.		COFFEE BREAK	
10:30 a.m.		BAFFLE RAFFLE	
11:00 a.m.		FLORIDA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UPDATE An update on the latest programs and procedures for members of the Florida Army National Guard, in particular the Tuition Assistance program. SGM John P. Hill, Guidance Counselor, Florida Army National Guard	
11:30 a.m.		SPECIAL SCHOOL OFFICIALS' LUNCHEON	
12:45 p.m.		ATLANTA RPO UPDATE An update of the latest changes at the Atlanta Regional Processing Office and helpful hints for smooth processing. Linda McAllister, Chief Education Liaison Officer (CELO), Atlanta RPO Ron Scoggins, ELR Speaker TBA	
1:15 p.m.		BAFFLE RAFFLE	
1:30 p.m.		CERTIFICATIONS OF ENROLLMENT AND CHANGES ON VA-ONCE Advanced Training on entering enrollment data and making changes to enrollments on VA-ONCE. Ron Scoggins, ELR Linda McAllister, CELO Other instructors TBA	
3:00 p.m.		ICE CREAM BREAK	
3:15 p.m.		VA-ONCE (continued)	
4:15 p.m.		ADJOURN FOR THE DAY	
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.		RECEPTION Get to know your peers, SAA, and VA folks over light snacks and a cash bar at our informal after hours social.	

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ADVANCED TRAINING WEDNESDAY JUNE 21, 2006

<u>Time</u>	<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Class Topic</u>	<u>Speakers/Instructors</u>
8:00 a.m.		REFRESHMENTS	
8:30 a.m.		MINI-SESSIONS	
		IHL MEASUREMENT AND PAY ISSUES (FOUR YEAR INSTITUTIONS & GRADUATE SCHOOLS) Calculation of training time including accelerated sessions, interval pay, equivalent credit hours, cooperative training, non-punitive grades, mitigating circumstances, repeating courses, teacher certification, non-matriculated students, full-time schedule in last term, credit for prior training, & tutorial assistance. SPEAKER TBA	
		IHL MEASUREMENT AND PAY ISSUES (TWO YEAR INSTITUTIONS) SPEAKER TBA	
		NCD MEASUREMENT & PAY ISSUES Measurement for pay, cooperative training, interval pay, administration of standards of progress & attendance. SPEAKER TBA	
10:00 a.m.		COFFEE BREAK	
10:15 a.m.		MINI-SESSIONS WITH THE SAA This is your chance to meet with the State Approving Agency representative for your region of the state to discuss approval issues.	
		AREA I - Marcus Hurston, Program Specialist	
		AREA II – Patrick Burch, Program Specialist	
		AREA III – Jenny George, Program Specialist	
		AREA IV – Richard Gouin, Program Specialist	
11:30 a.m.		LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
1 p.m.		MINI-SESSIONS (SCHOOL TOPICS) This is a time to meet with your peers to discuss topics of importance to you, problems you have run into, solutions you have found, and exchange of ideas. Moderated by your fellow school officials.	
		FOUR YEAR & GRADUATE SCHOOLS SPEAKER TBA	
		TWO YEAR COLLEGES SPEAKER TBA	
		NON-COLLEGE DEGREE SCHOOLS SPEAKER TBA	
2:15 p.m.		ICE CREAM BREAK	

2:45 p.m.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Answering general questions from attendees on topics covered during the conference.

All instructors

3:30 p.m.

WRAP UP & FINAL BAFFLE RAFFLE

4:15 p.m.

ADJOURN FOR THE CONFERENCE